Federal judge stops sale of tribe property

A temporary restraining order issued last week by Federal Judge Willis W. Ritter of Salt Lake City brought to a halt the proposed sale of stock in two Affiliated Ute Livestock companies after a complaint was lodged by Mrs. Margaret Van Sprouse that she would be "irreparably damaged" if the sale is made to the Ute Indian Tribe.

THE FULL-BLOOD group, or the Ute Indian Tribe, was proposing to bid for the purchase of 490 shares of stock belonging to the Mixed Blood group involving some 172,453 acres of range land with an appraised value of $281,000.00 after they were offered for sale.

Mrs. Sprouse, a member of the Affiliated Ute Citizens, is also interested in bidding for the purchase of the stocks. She alleged in the complaint filed concurrent with an injunction against Superintendent Martin M. Zollar, that before any member of the Affiliated Utes can sell his or her stock, it must be offered to other members of the Affiliated Ute group.

THE LANDS involved are those which were assigned to the Affiliated Utes under provisions of Public Law 671, which provided for the division of assets between the full blood and mixed blood groups on the Uintah and Ouray reservation. Most of the lands are situated in the Rock Creek Area. Others lie in the Avintaquin and Antelope range areas.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Yack drove to Price last Sunday to take their daughter, Maurine White, and son after the latter spent a week here. Douglas met them, and they returned to their home in Moab. The Yacks returned to Roosevelt that night.